

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEVEN RUSSELL,

Defendant.

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No. 1:20-10018-STA

ORDER

Defendant Russell has filed, *pro se*, a “Notice to Counsel” (DE #43), wherein he requests that his attorney file a motion to dismiss Defendant’s indictment. Defendant is advised that because he is currently represented by counsel, he may not file pleadings on his own behalf. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1654 (“In all courts of the United States the parties may plead and conduct their own cases personally or by counsel ...”); *see also United States v. Toufaily*, 2011 WL 318125, at *1 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 31, 2011) (reiterating that a criminal defendant is not entitled to represent himself while simultaneously represented by counsel and citing cases that a party may choose either to represent himself or to appear through an attorney).

The Clerk’s Office is directed to mail a copy of this order to the defendant at the address listed on the envelope accompanying his motion.

s/ S. Thomas Anderson

S. THOMAS ANDERSON

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: August 3, 2020